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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Summary of Interview

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Warren for extending the courtesy of an interview on March 10, 2006. During the interview claims 1 and 24 were discussed, as was U.S. Patent 5,027,691 to Kennedy (the Kennedy patent). No agreement was reached with respect to the patentability of any of the claims.

Claim 1

Claims 1 has been amended as follows:

1. A magnetic pickup for a stringed musical instrument, where the instrument includes strings suspended between a string support structure that includes a sound board, comprising:

a primary coil rigidly fixed to the sound board of the musical instrument;

at least one magnet rigidly fixed to the primary coil that generates a static magnetic field along at least one pole piece encased within the primary coil;

a secondary coil located spaced apart from the primary coil and flexibly suspended to move relative to the primary coil;

wherein the primary coil is configured to generate a signal that includes a string signal and does not include a body signal; and

wherein the secondary coil is configured to generate a signal that includes a body signal and an attenuated string signal.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above claim is not taught in the cited prior art.

Claim 24

Claim 24 has been amended as follows:

24. A magnetic pickup for a stringed musical instrument, where the instrument includes strings suspended between a string support structure that includes a sound board, comprising:

a primary coil rigidly fixed to the sound board;

at least one magnet rigidly fixed to the primary coil that generates a static magnetic field along at least one pole piece encased within the primary coil;

a secondary coil suspended below the primary coil via a flexible suspension mechanism;

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wherein the suspension mechanism suppresses relative movement of the secondary coil as a unit perpendicular to the top portion of the musical instrument.

Applicants amended claim 24 to conform the language of the claim to the language of the specification. Applicants respectfully submit that the cited prior art does not teach the requirements of claim 24.

Conclusion

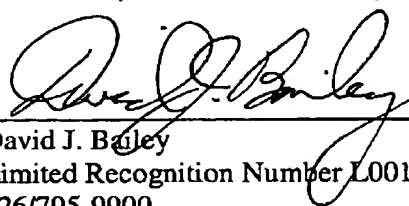
Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 - 9 and 24 - 30 are allowable for reasons including those stated above. Consequently, Applicants request the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

If Applicants counsel can be of assistance in this matter, please feel free to contact David J. Bailey at the number listed below.

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